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HEALTH SCHEMES FOR TRIBAL WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for improving the health condition of Tribal Women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any request for financial assistance from the State Government of Kerala in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and under its umbrella, the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme Phase-II, launched by the Government of India in the year 2005, seeks to improve the availability and access to quality health care particularly to vulnerable groups including the Tribal population throughout the country.This Mission has as its focus, 18 States with weak public health indicators and weak infrastructure.

The RCH Programme aims to reduce Total Fertility Rate (TFR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in the country. Under the programme, flexibility is provided to the states to devise need based Programme Implementation Plan (PIP), inter-alia to

(i) address the unmet need for contraception;

(ii) promote Skilled Care at birth;

(iii) increase coverage of immunization;

(iv) introduce integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses

(v) enhance availability of facilities for institutional deliveries and emergency obstetric care;

(vi) provide skilled care to pregnant women at the community level;

(vii) improve coverage ante-natal and postnatal care and

(viii) address other related reproductive, maternal and child health care needs of their respective populace.

Further, a scheme to provide Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations is also available for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the country. Under this scheme, grant-in-aid is given for maintenance of the projects of 10-Bedded Hospital and Mobile Dispensary for the benefit of tribals, including tribal women.

(c) to (e) The State Government of Kerala sought budgetary support for Tribal Health under NRHM through their Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for the year 2008-09,which is under finalization. As per the PIP, budgetary support has been sought in the following areas:

S.No.
Activity No. of Camps Total (Rs. Lakhs)

1 Tribal Medical Camps (TMU)	270	5.40	
2 Medical Camp PHC/CHC	197	5.91	
3 Special Medical Camps	80	8.80	
4. Adolescent Health Education Classes	463	2.315	
Total		22.425	

In addition, the State also sought financial assistance of Rs. 52.96 lakhs for implementation of Sickle Cell Anemia Project and Rs. 151.805 lakhs for the development of Ambedkar Memorial Tribal Hospital as Community Health Centre for tribal population & Education, Training, Research and Treatment centre for chronic and incurable diseases in the District of Wayanad.